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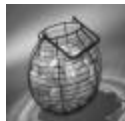
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to last Friday. In the Northeast region, weekly prices were higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums. Elsewhere, weekly prices were higher on all weights. The market tone was steady to instances firm, usually fully steady beginning the week. Retail demand was mostly moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to close for full trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to short for the light demand. Light type hens were fully adequate for the moderate to at times good demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Midwest delivered prices were higher for all sizes. Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 1 cent higher for large and unchanged for medium and small. Trade sentiment was fully steady to instances firm. Cartoned egg sales were fairly good to good. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to close. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were balanced to non-existent for the light demand. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady with a firm undertone.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers		
EXTRA LARGE	48-57	51-54		RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	47-56	49-52	LARGE	30-39	34
MEDIUM	35-44	37-40	MEDIUM	18-24	22
			SMALL	7-11	

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher on extra large and large, however unchanged on medium when compared to last week's prices. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand into all channels ranged light to instances good. Supplies were usually sufficient for current needs. Breaking stock offerings were barely adequate to adequate for the fair demand. Light type hens were fully adequate for normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	53-67	56-59
LARGE	48-62	53-57
MEDIUM	37-50	41-44

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were higher. Trade sentiment was fully steady to instances firm. Retail demand was fairly good to good. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to close. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were balanced to non-existent for the light demand. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Schedules were full time. Trade sentiment steady with a firm undertone.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	58.5-67	60-63
LARGE	56.5-65	58-61
MEDIUM	43.5-52	45-48

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm beginning the week. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were sufficient to closely balanced for current needs. Breaking stock offerings were barely adequate to sufficient for the fair demand. Spent hens were fully adequate for the moderate to at times good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	50.25-64	58-61
LARGE	47.25-62	56-59
MEDIUM	40.5-48	41-45

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on extra large, large and medium when compared to last Friday's values. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady entering the week. Demand was moderate to occasionally good. Supplies were about adequate to adequate for current needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	63-67
LARGE	61-65
MEDIUM	49-53

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	55-63	56-58
LARGE	53-61	54-56
MEDIUM	41-49	42-44

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

WESTERN Prices 6 cents higher on jumbo, 7 cents higher on extra large, 8 cents higher on large, and 2 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 1% higher than last week with California down 3% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 6%. Retailer demand moderate to fairly good. Offerings generally adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices 6 cents higher on jumbo, 7 cents higher on extra large, 8 cents higher on large, and 2 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 3% lower than last week. Retailer demand moderate to fairly good. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 59.

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	107
EXTRA LARGE	101
LARGE	94
MEDIUM	79

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	269-329	JUMBO	299-349
EXTRA LARGE	249-309	EXTRA LARGE	269-329
LARGE	199-239	LARGE	259-299
MEDIUM	189-219	MEDIUM	179-249

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending March 03, 2006 will increase by 5 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending February 24, 2006 were 246,651 cases which was 15 percent below the prior week and 13 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	200,687	45,964	246,651

% change from the prior week.....	-19	+11	-15

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK All prices unchanged. Offerings were balanced to non-existent with demand light. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady with a firm undertone.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	25-27	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	14-18	14-16
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were at least unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF
27-FEB-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-15.25 CENTS/LB.	11-13	12.88
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate for the mostly adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product was moderate. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF
27-FEB-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.75-15.5 CENTS/LB.	12-14	13.15
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- FEBRUARY 27, 2006

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.2	22.0	6.7	12.9	9.8
	Change	-2.1	2.9	0.4	-5.7	-1.7
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	21.4	49.4	8.6	17.7	43.2
	Change	-1.1	1.5	0.5	-2.0	7.4
Large	Curr Wk	32.3	114.6	49.2	75.4	105.0
	Change	-1.9	4.6	-18.0	-6.5	0.5
Medium	Curr Wk	11.7	58.5	15.4	19.0	34.6
	Change	-1.2	-3.4	4.2	2.0	1.5
Small	Curr Wk	6.0	12.7	1.1	4.8	8.1
	Change	-1.6	1.8	-0.3	-1.5	-1.0
Misc	Curr Wk	2.8	41.8	12.8	11.0	4.0
	Change	0.9	-1.3	6.0	-1.4	-1.0
Ungraded	Curr Wk	18.7	58.7	17.2	21.3	26.8
	Change	1.9	10.5	-9.2	-6.0	-4.5
Total	Curr Wk	102.1	357.7	111.0	162.1	231.5
Percent	Change	-5%	5%	-13%	-12%	1%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	964.4	-3%	168
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	230.9	0%	35

Total Shell Egg	1195.3	-2%	203
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1/ Information supplied by a universe of 168 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES- GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 13, 2005

GRADEA	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.88	1.85	1.76	1.17

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 13, 2005 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADEA	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.46	1.46	1.36	.77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR FEBRUARY 24, 2006**CURRENT LOADS** 24.75**FUTURE LOADS** 11.00**TOTAL LOADS** 35.75

TOTAL LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
SE				NE		MW		SC				NW		SW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	—	—	34.00	35.00	—	—	3.00	GNR W 1	—	43.00	—	—	—	—	3.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	49.00	—	1.00	GL W J	61.00	—	—	—	—	63.43	1.75
GL W XL	32.50	51.50	—	44.83	44.83	—	13.00	GL W XL	—	53.50	—	—	—	59.75	5.00
GL W LG	—	—	40.00	—	44.30	—	8.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	55.33	7.00
GL W MD	—	—	31.50	33.00	—	—	2.00	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W SM	—	27.00	22.50	23.00	—	—	2.00	GL BR LG	—	—	—	60.00	54.00	—	1.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	16.50	18.00	2.00								

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 02/20/06-02/24/06**CURRENT LOADS** 107.25**FUTURE LOADS** 71.75**TOTAL LOADS** 179.00

TOTAL LOADS - WIND								TOTAL LOADS - WIND							
SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG			DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG		DST
GNR W 1	28.75	39.00	36.67	33.11	38.00	—	34.00	GNR W 1	—	46.40	—	—	—	—	16.00
GNR W 2	—	38.50	—	—	—	—	4.00	GL W J	61.00	—	—	—	—	63.64	2.75
GL W J	—	—	46.50	48.00	49.75	—	4.00	GL W XL	—	50.00	—	—	—	55.54	13.50
GL W XL	32.50	50.60	41.00	45.64	43.94	46.25	53.75	GL W LG	—	51.55	—	55.17	—	51.70	50.00
GL W LG	—	46.68	40.25	42.80	40.05	—	76.25	GL W MD	36.75	35.00	—	42.00	36.00	40.93	7.75
GL W MD	37.00	36.00	30.25	32.00	33.00	—	12.75	GL BR LG	—	—	—	60.00	54.00	—	1.00
GL W SM	24.13	26.67	22.94	24.42	—	23.00	7.00								
GL BR LG	—	—	52.00	—	—	—	3.00								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	26.78	9.00								
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	16.50	18.00	2.00								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS.

THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER.

NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	02/20/06	02/13/06	02/21/05
PACIFIC COAST	107	132	409
LOS ANGELES	105	130	405

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is higher on extra large, large and medium. Steady on small. Supplies are fully adequate. Retail demand is fairly good.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	76.86
LARGE	73.86
MEDIUM	58.86
SMALL	48.00

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 260	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128

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